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Faculty Development Committee
October 13, 2017, 9-10am

Present: Tracy Otten (Chair), Windy Roberts, Peter Dolan, Peter Bremer, Stephanie Ferrian, and Adele Lawler

Absent: No student representatives appointed to date

I. Change in Agenda

Otten stated there is a change in today's agenda; originally Roger Wareham was going to be a guest and talk about the Faculty Time Release program; however, Dean Ericksen has made the changes to the program and emailed a call for applications so there is no need for Wareham to attend.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 26, 2017 meeting were approved.

III. Development Series for Spring 2018

Otten said there are only a few more FDC meetings this semester to decide what the committee would like David Langley to present for Spring term. Langley typically does 4 sessions each semester as well as individual consultations. Athena Kildegaard has met with Langley and subsequently asked for a session related to Honors courses. This would be meant to give faculty a preview of what to expect and generate interest for teaching within the program. Kildegaard has indicated Langley is willing to develop such a session and we will pursue the topic for next semester. Additional topics of interest discussed for Spring were: active learning classroom (in consultation with IT), teaching that sticks, using examples to deepen student learning or other revisiting other sessions Langley has done in the past.

There was a question if the same time schedule that was for the fall series would work for spring? It was agreed the schedule seemed to work well so we will have two midday sessions but alternate between two different days of the week to accommodate a wider variety of teaching schedules.

David has been working with UMR administration to gauge student engagement for first year students in 14 different courses and has offered to conduct similar assessments here. Tracy has asked the Dean if this would be at all helpful with the current HLC accreditation work. Since our time with Langley is limited, this type of work may preclude his ability to do monthly sessions. Otten will

Windy will follow-up with Instructional and Media Technologies to the taping of the Fall Development Series; she will also check to see if the video is being sent to the Digital Well as well as the FDC website. (I checked the FDC website, I don't see anything on the FDC website about the Development Series, at all.)

IV. Mentor/Mentee Program

Peter Bremer asked if there is still a "mentor/mentee" program? Adele stated there is still this program however the past few years the dean and the division chairs have matched up partners. The process is unclear since some faculty are assigned mentors and others from the same cohort are not. The program for this year is still being finalized. A call to tenure-track and multiple-year faculty will be sent shortly from the Dean's Office.

V. Center for Educational Innovation(CEI)

Tracy shared with the FDC committee a memo from Al Beitz from the CEI wishing to solicit involvement from the different campuses. The CEI is asking for groups that would be a contact for CEI; Janet had asked Tracy if she thought the FDC would be UMM's contact. The consensus was; isn't this what we are doing with David now? Tracy will talk to Janet to get more information. One of the items that CEI has information on is a national center for faculty development and diversity. Tracy logged into the site to see what opportunities are available. She said it looks like a lot of things are included and are now free to all faculty (before there was a charge per individual).

A few questions: would this be done electronically, would folks be traveling to the Twin Cities, would there be workshops at UMM? What would the CEI expect from the FDC? Also, what would this mean in terms of our programs with David? One of the benefits would be UMM would have access to multiple experts and broad based programming.

The FDC agreed it would be appropriate for the committee to be the main contact but the division chairs, ideally with input from the Division Chairs and Dean.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adele Lawler